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## REMARKS

Claims 18-30 and 163-175 are pending in the Application

Claims 18-30 and 163-175 are subject to a restriction requirement.

Claims 174-175 are cancelled herein.

Claim 176 is added herein.

## I. RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Applicant elects to continue prosecution of Group I (Claims 18-30, 163-173) without traverse. Accordingly, Applicant has cancelled claims 174 and 175, which are the claims not in Group I.

## II. AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

Applicant has amended the claim language in Claim 18. These amendments do not narrow the scope of this claim (and its dependent claims).

Applicant has also added new claim 176, which depends from Claim 18. This new claim 176 falls within Group I, as defined by the Examiner in the Restriction Requirement. Accordingly, consonance has been maintained.

## III. <u>CONCLUSION</u>

It is asserted by Applicant that the Claims in the Application are now in a condition for allowance, and respectfully request allowance of such Claims.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner call Applicant's attorney at the below listed number if the Examiner believes that such a discussion would be helpful in resolving any remaining problems.

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